

Mount Vernon Master Plan  
Transportation & Parking Committee  
July 11, 2012

Meeting Minutes

1. In attendance:
  - a. Department of Transportation
    - i. Frank Murphy, Deputy Director
    - ii. Theo Ngongang
  - b. Parking Authority
    - i. Vince Thomas
    - ii. Melissa Krafchik
  - c. Consultants
    - i. Ed Bolden from Sabra Wang and Associated (SWA)
  - d. Community
    - i. Steve Shen, Lance Decker, Franz VanWagenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Ed Cohen, Tom and Joan Spence, John Molino, Faith Millspaugh, friend of Faith's (President of Mt Vernon Club), Aloma Bouma, others?
2. Discussion
  - a. Parking Study Existing Conditions
    - i. Zip Car
      1. Address questions raised at the last MVBA general meeting
      2. Disagreement over total number of Zip Car locations
      3. Numbers used in study provided by Zip Car
      4. Consultant will look for more information, which will be shared with the group at the next meeting
    - ii. Other issues
      1. On-street parking count methodology
      2. Surplus and off street parking capacity
  - b. Parking Study Preliminary Recommendations
    - i. Key findings
      1. Parking demand not uniform
      2. Most institutions do not provide off-street parking
      3. Average household auto ownership in Baltimore lower than many other city's neighborhoods
    - ii. Future parking demand based on high built scenario
    - iii. Short terms recommendations
      1. Creation of a Transportation Management Association (TMA)
      2. Performance parking
      3. Back-in angled parking on less congested streets
    - iv. Long terms recommendations
      1. On-demand shuttle for satellite parking locations (TMA)
      2. Creation of a parking district and parking bank
      3. Parking guidance system

v. Questions and comments

1. Questions about definitions of technical terms (TMA)
2. What is the actual need for parking (number)?
3. Parking utilization numbers seemed to differ from community perception
4. Existing Conditions presentation and information from general meeting on June 19 available online:  
<http://www.baltimorecity.gov/Government/AgenciesDepartments/Planning/MasterPlansMapsPublications/MountVernonMasterPlan/June19thMeetingMaterials.aspx>

c. Bicycle Infrastructure

i. Presentation

1. Planned bicycle improvement in the study area
2. Downtown bicycle network map (to show connections)
3. Opportunity for community comment

ii. Discussion

1. Timing of the Bicycle Master Plan and the Mt Vernon Plan
  - a. There is the opportunity for input from community through Mount Vernon Master Plan to be implemented through the Bike Master Plan
2. Difference between cycle track and bike lane
3. Request to convert Biddle and Preston into two-way streets with bike lanes
4. Cross walks in poor conditions

d. Traffic counts

i. Streets with volume count details available are

1. Biddle
2. Calvert
3. Centre
4. Charles
5. Chase
6. Preston
7. St Paul

3. Next Steps

- a. **Next meeting scheduled for August 8 at 6:30 PM**
- b. Digest data/material provided
  - i. Recommendations need to be based on data
  - ii. Once the data is fully understood, then work on developing recommendations for solutions
- c. Review results from Mount Vernon survey conducted as part of the master plan